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東條首相談話

東條首相は獨伊兩國の對米宣戰布告の報に
十二日午後十一時左の如き談を發表した

首相談 本日獨伊兩國は米國に對し宣戰を
布告し、更に日獨伊三國はその盟約を新に
し共同の敵に對し最後の勝利を得るに至る迄
断乎とも戦争を遂行し、互に相互の諒解な
く休戦および講和を行はざること明かにし、
や世界は徒らに現状を維持せんとする
國家と、只に公正と新秩序を建設せ
んとする國家との兩陣營に分れて有史以來
空前の大鬭争が行はれてゐる、しかして
正しき理由と云ふ實せる實力とに鑑み、勝
利は断じてわが陣營の上にあることと我
は信じて疑はぬと云ふ、我はここに三國

の締盟、よく固きことに満腔の同慶の
意を表するともにわれくの光栄ある将
来に對し不動の信念を被歴する次第である